

Application No.: 10/542,003

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Amendments to the CLAIMSRECEIVED  
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1. (Original) 3-Methylamino-1-(2-thienyl)-1-propanone, and its acid addition salts.
2. (Original) 3-Methylamino-1-(2-thienyl)-1-propanone hydrochloride.
3. cancelled
4. cancelled
5. cancelled
6. (Currently amended) A process for preparing (+)-(S)-N-methyl-3-(1-naphthoxy)-3-(2-thienyl)propylamine oxalate (Duloxetine<sup>®</sup>), wherein 3-methylamino-1-(2-thienyl)-1-propanone, or an acid addition salt thereof, is prepared as intermediate.
7. (Original) The process according to claim 6, wherein 3-methylamino-1-(2-thienyl)-1-propanone, or an acid addition salt thereof, is reduced to (1S)-3-methylamino-1-(2-thienyl)propan-1-ol, or an acid addition salt thereof.
8. (Original) The process according to claim 7, wherein the reduction is carried out using a microbial dehydrogenase.
9. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing N-methyl-3-(1-naphthoxy)-3-(2-thienyl)propylamine or its acid addition salts which comprises using said 3-Methylamino-1-(2-thienyl)-1-propanone, and its acid addition salts as claimed in claim 1.